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## Definition of 'consumer'

**consumer**

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(kɒnsʊmə) 🔊 ⓘ

Word forms: consumers

1. **COUNTABLE NOUN**

A **consumer** is a person who buys things or uses services.

*...claims that tobacco companies failed to warn consumers about the dangers of smoking.*

**Synonyms:** buyer, customer, user, shopper More Synonyms of consumer

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maintain your current  
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Question: 1 - Score: 0 / 5

**criminal activity or  
economic activity?**

Which version is correct?

Overall **criminal activity** is weak  
and it is expected to remain weak  
in the near term.

Overall **economic activity** is weak  
and it is expected to remain weak  
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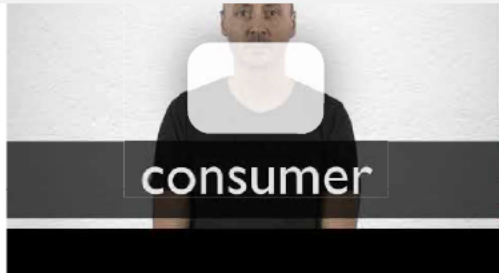
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**in American English**

(kən'sʊmə)

**NOUN**

a person or thing that consumes; specif., a person who buys goods or services for personal needs and not for resale or to use in the production of other goods for resale

see also producer*Webster's New World College Dictionary, 4th Edition.*

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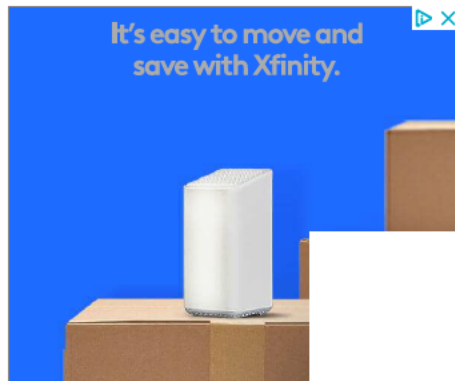
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a person or organization that uses a  
commodity or service

3. *Ecology*

an organism, usually an animal, that  
feeds on plants or other animals



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**Derived forms**

consumership **NOUN**

**Word origin**

[1375–1425 for earlier sense “squanderer,”  
1525–35 for current senses; ME; see  
consume, -er<sup>1</sup>]





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needs compare producer (sense 6)

2. a person or thing that consumes

3. *(usually plural) ecology*

an organism, esp an animal, within a community that feeds upon plants or other animals

See also decomposer, producer (sense 8)



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*the Collins team. Read more...*

*They suggested that higher prices due to rising inflation may have had an impact on consumer spending.*

*TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2017)*

*The consumer prices index hit 1.6 per cent last month.*

*TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2017)*

*In the same period the consumer prices index of inflation rose 1 per cent.*

*TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2016)*

*It is doing damage to business and consumer confidence.*

*TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2011)*

*Pressure on phone makers to introduce such features has come from consumers concerned about lack of security.*

*TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2013)*

*It is not just consumer electronics that would benefit from better batteries.*

*TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2014)*

*It acknowledges that new technologies have opened up exciting opportunities for both business and the consumer.*

**VELJANOVSKI, DR CENTO** THE MEDIA IN BRITA...

*The sector looks like a good way of getting exposure to rising British consumer spending.*

*TIMES, SUNDAY TIMES (2016)*

*This book is designed to help the skin care consumer decide what she truly wants and needs in the way of skin care.*

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